

House Resolution No. 4659

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Janet Becker has enhanced her already impressive record of achievement by earning the title "Local Hero" with the Bank of America Neighborhood Excellence Initiative, which combines leadership development with mission based funding to organizations in order to address the most pressing needs of communities throughout the nation; and

Whereas, Janet Becker became one of the five 2008 Local Heroes in light of her selfless work as the founder of the Ecumenical Housing Production Corporation and the Adequate Housing for Missourians affordable housing organizations that merged to become Beyond Housing; and

Whereas, a true community leader and volunteer, Janet Becker became inspired to ensure affordable housing through her internship with the Honorable Thurgood Marshall while she was a student at Sarah Lawrence College in New York; and

Whereas, the Neighborhood Excellence Initiative is designed to recognize and reward individuals and groups who are making a difference in their communities; and

Whereas, the Neighborhood Excellence Initiative recognizes recipients in the three categories of Neighborhood Builders, Local Heroes, and Student Leaders; and

Whereas, Bank of America has donated in excess of \$90 million to 310 organizations since 2004 through the Neighborhood Excellence Initiative:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the accomplishments garnered thus far in the life and work of Janet Becker and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon being named as a 2008 Local Hero by the Bank of America Neighborhood Excellence Initiative; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Janet Becker of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Robin Wright Jones
District No. 63

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4659, adopted November 19, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker